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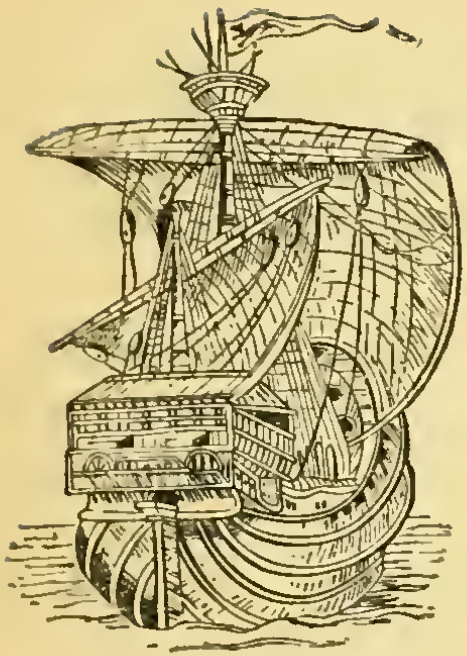

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1494.

KRISTOPHERUS.

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CHRIST-BEARER.

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SUGGESTIVE INDEX.

"The free constitutions of Aragon and Castile guaranteed the liberties of the people, and in the Cortes, or national Assemblies of these kingdoms, the third estate secured a place long before representation was granted the commons of any other European Country." J. DORMAN STEELE, in his "Ancient, Mediaeval and Modern Peoples."

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A Columbian Ode

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CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS.

First Voyage, 1492.
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PREFATORY NOTE.

The origin of the name Christopher, from the Greek ("χρὶστοφερος") Kristopherus, "Christ-Bearer," is pleasantly associated with the Discovery of America, because the Introduction of Christianity furnished the basis for all progress during the succeeding four centuries.

This thought runs current with the Ode.

The historical syllabus in the margin may be placed upon a black-board or recited as a First Voice, and the responsive stanza follows from a Second Voice, when not used for declamation or made the skeleton for historical school essays. Fifty topics are embodied in the historical text.

The blank pages opposite each couplet, "Notes and Queries," serve as Tablets for noting, with pen or pencil, leading Persons, Events, Inventions, and Discoveries that have marked the sixteen quarter-centuries since the Genoese sailor landed in America.

These Notes, gathered and corrected by a teacher, or made competitive between sections of a class in history, would prompt thought and arouse interest.

H. B. C.

NOTES AND QUERIES.

I.

The Royal Marriage. The Queen's Choice.

I.

The Golden Age of Andalusian pride
Matured, when Arragon and bright Castile,
Their wedded sovereigns seated, side by side,
Upon a double throne, all feuds to heal ;
And the bride, so fair, held chiefly precious,
To be, in faith and deed, KRISTOPHERUS.

II.

The Conquest of Granada is Complete.

II.

Granada's great Alhambra felt the tread
Of Spanish lords, their knightly spurs to win,
And Moorish chiefs sought rest at night, in dread
Of morning's dawn, fresh conflict to begin,
While heathen hate, so stern and treacherous,
Shrank back appalled before KRISTOPHERUS.

NOTES AND QUERIES.

III.

Peace and its new plans Unfold.

III.

Then Peace her mantle cast about the throne,
To shield the trophies by high valor won ;
The Standard-Bearer by himself, alone
Bemoaned the end of strife and battles done ;
Yet still the Queen, intent and serious,
Sought other fields to prove KRISTOPHERUS.

IV.

Foreign Adventure and Conquest Assert their Claims.

IV.

New worlds to compass, new realms to conquer,
New pathways trace to India's golden strands ;
New gems to find, and never-failing treasure,
New converts seek in waiting heathen lands ;
While, as the State waxed strong and prosperous,
No knight arose to be KRISTOPHERUS.

NOTES AND QUERIES.

V

The Brave but Humble Volunteer, "Christopher."

V.

One seaman bold, with richly cultured brain,
Who deftly handled either helm or spar,
Repelled at other Courts, paid court to Spain,
For grant to search the regions distant far,
O'er Ocean's wildest Seas, tempestuous,
And prove, as name implied, KRISTOPHERUS.

VI.

The Royal Outfit and its Departure.

VI.

The anxious Queen this royal grant procured,
Her ready purse supplied the ample means;
Three fragile barks and needed crews secured,
Her pledge once made, this gift in full redeems.
So sails the fleet with wishes generous,
To execute her will, — KRISTOPHERUS.

NOTES AND QUERIES.

VII.

Visions of Glory Dimmed by Envy.

VII.

No venture, e'er before, like object sought,
Nor shared so many hopes with doubting fears;
No other Age, so well the spirit caught,
Which grasps, at once, the fate of coming years;
While yet, the proud, benighted, envious,
Had naught but scorn for this KRISTOPHERUS.

VIII.

The Queen's Benediction. The Hero's Faith.

VIII.

The Queen's own banner waved the fleet "Adieu,"
And trumpet echoes cheered the hero bold,
Imparting courage to the humble crew,
His plans and hopes to help unfold;
And he, with nerve high-strung, but courteous,
With prayer joined faith to be KRISTOPHERUS.

NOTES AND QUERIES.

IX.

The Perilous Voyage and its Incidents.

IX.

No lashing seas, nor tempests fierce and wild
No angry threats his earnest life to take,
No chafing of his temper, firm and mild,
Could make him from his solemn purpose break;
But as such strokes grew madly furious
The more he dared to be KRISTOPHERUS.

X.

The Vision Realized. The New World Found.

X.

The Seas once crossed, the New World surely found,
He gave it hallowed name, "Salvator Blest,"
And planted royal banner in the ground,
With honors duly borne from East to West.
By faith discerning nations numerous,
The future subjects of KRISTOPHERUS.

NOTES AND QUERIES.

XI.

Rival Ventures and Cunning Schemes Fail.

XI.

From other Eastern lands and British Isles,
As years rolled on, the swift-winged transports flew
On rival ventures, and by cunning wiles
Sought each to bind the Old World to the New.
Yet lost, through methods harsh and tyrannous,
The spirit of a true KRISTOPHERUS.

XII.

Passion and Plunder in the Ascendant.

XII.

Then, maddened year by year through treasure found,
And Passion's greed for titles, lands, and pelf,
The natives of the soil, in bondage ground,
Were used alone to meet behests of Self;
And Christ-like graces, pure and plenteous,
Were lost to view without KRISTOPHERUS.

NOTES AND QUERIES.

XIII.

Slavery Bars the Sway of KRISTOPHERUS.

XIII.

And thus it came, while kings and thrones
Made merchandise of men for selfish ends,
Despising man, as man, his wail and groan,
And each with other only plunder blends,
The New-Found World, so fair and beauteous,
Must longer wait for true KRISTOPHERUS.

XIV.

The Rights of Man Assert Their Claim. Freedom Advances.

XIV.

The years rolled on, and many score were told,
Till centuries twain and more sad record made,
When, as the rights of man their claims unfold,
Just rights for all, whate'er their race or grade,
There sprang to view, with Freedom glorious,
The sway and charm of known KRISTOPHERUS.

NOTES AND QUERIES.

XV.

Columbia Delivered. Church and School Assure the Higher Law.

XV.

And thus Columbia's soil, set free at last,
From rule by brutish force and selfish aims,
Through INDEPENDENCE gained and dangers passed,
A higher law, the Law of Right, maintains; —
While Church and School, with savor gracious,
Proclaim the Conquests of KRISTOPHERUS.

XVI.

Henceforth, Man's Best Aim is to be "Kristopherus."

XVI.

Henceforth, — the aim of nations to be great —
Win lasting wealth, and compass true renown —
While each, the other's merit seeks to mate,
And only honor's course, with glory crown,
Shall be — to prove most wise and virtuous,
And man become indeed, — KRISTOPHERUS.

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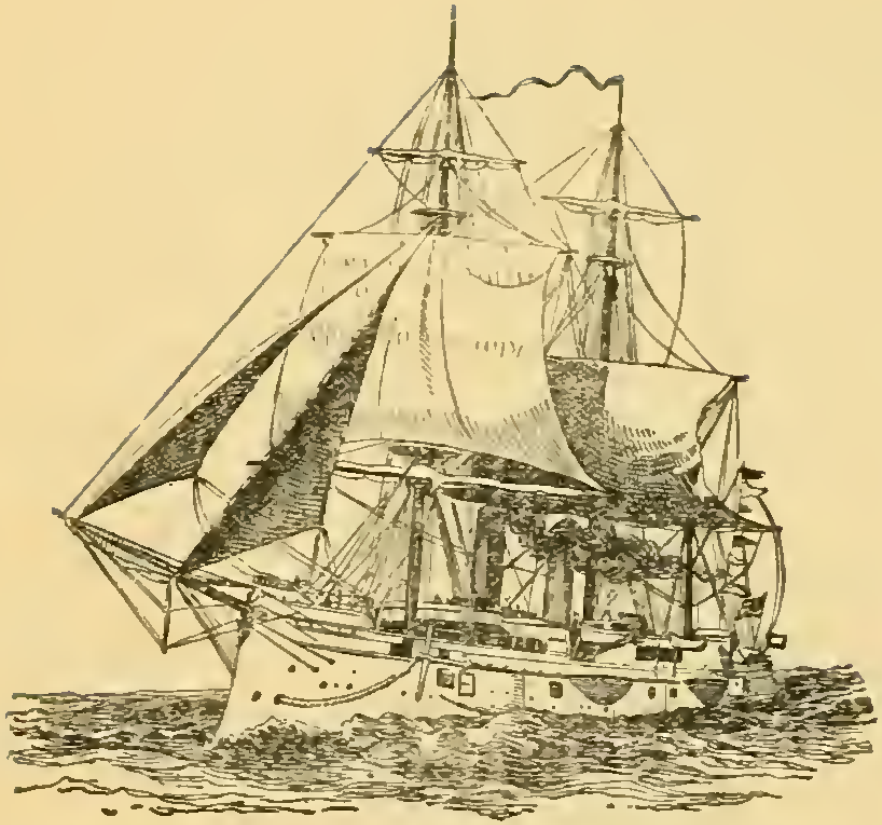

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